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**ALTERNATING APERTURE PHASE
SHIFTING PHOTOMASK WITH
IMPROVED TRANSMISSION
BALANCING**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003 (Paper No. 4), Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.